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Letter dated 15 December 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my letters to the President of the Security Council dated 7 August 2006 (S/2006/624) and 28 August 2006 (S/2006/693), and to Security Council resolution 1698 (2006) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the resolution, I should like to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts for a further period expiring on 31 July 2007.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, taking into account the requirements stated in resolution 1698 (2006), I have reappointed the following four experts for a further period ending on 31 July 2007:

Ibra Déguène Ka (Senegal, Chairman)
Enrico Carisch (Switzerland, finance expert)
Abdoulaye Cissoko (Mali, aviation expert)
David Huxford (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, arms expert).

A fifth expert, in customs and border control, will be proposed shortly.

Mr. Ka will continue to chair the Group of Experts.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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